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Mr. Wayne Yoshioka, Director
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Dear Mr. Yoshioka:

We recently received a copy of your Historic Resources Technical Report for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project. We are concerned that the City and County of Honolulu (CCH) has conducted assessments of Navy properties and evaluated said properties for National Register eligibility without Navy input. Accordingly, several of the eligibility determinations listed in the Transit Corridor report conflict with determinations upon which Navy previously received State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concurrence. These include both sites and structures on Navy owned property at the former Naval Air Station Barbers Point. We maintain that Navy's National Register for Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility determinations remain valid and that CCH may not revise these determinations on Navy's behalf.

Navy consulted with the SHPO during development of the 1999 Barbers Point Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and during the 2002 Ford Island Master Development (FIMD) Programmatic EIS. Through these processes, Navy received concurrence on all Barbers Point NRHP eligibility determinations as documented in these EISs. Surveys conducted during the 1990s including our 1997 Phase I Cultural Resources Survey and Inventory Summary, cultural resource surveys leading up to the 1997 survey, and the Navy's 1999 Cultural Resources Management Plan formed the foundation for these consultations.

As we recently conveyed 499 acres at Barbers Point pursuant to congressional mandate, we are especially interested in the following structures on the 499 acres:

- Quonset huts 1144, 1149, 1150, 1152, 1153, 1562, and 1570
- Facilities 5, 77, 128, 476, 477, and 484

With respect to the Quonset huts, Navy determined these Quonset Huts as "not eligible" for listing on the NRHP. Navy operates under a nationwide Programmatic Memorandum of Agreement (PMOA) for World War

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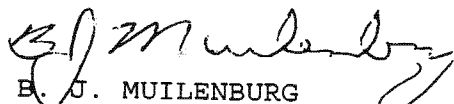
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II Temporary Buildings. The Advisory Council for Historic Preservation (ACHP) and the National Council of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) established conditions and stipulations under which the temporary building demolition program would be carried out for the Department of Defense. The Navy, SHPO, ACHP, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Historic Hawaii Foundation, and the Oahu Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs subsequently signed a 2003 *Programmatic Agreement Regarding Navy Undertakings in Hawaii* which recognizes the World War II Temporary Buildings PMOA and addresses treatment of these Quonset huts. Specifically, the parties to the 2003 PA will be notified of any adverse action to be taken with respect to these structures, and the Navy agrees to engage in discussions to explore preservation options for these structures.

Navy surveys determined facilities 5, 77, 128, 476, and 477 as "not eligible" for NRHP listing. Navy also considers facility 484 as "not eligible" for NRHP listing because of its association with facility 128 (radio transmitter facility). Navy is unaware of any new information that has surfaced since we received SHPO concurrence on our site evaluations. Only Building 77, which was constructed in 1958, has become 50 years old since our surveys were conducted. Despite its age, Building 77 was originally included in our 1997 survey as part of the Cold War Building Inventory (Appendix B.II in Tuggle and Tomanari-Tuggle 1997 Part I) and was determined ineligible for listing on the NRHP.

We request that you revise your report to reflect Navy's eligibility determinations for the above-listed structures. We plan to review your Historic Resources Technical Report in more detail with respect to all Navy property at the former NAS Barbers Point, and we look forward to receiving your reply related to the 499 acres. We also intend to send separate correspondence on the proposed corridor alternatives as they relate to Navy property and operations. Please contact Mr. John Muraoka, (808) 473-4137 extension 239, if you require additional information related to historic resources.

Sincerely,



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